

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 10993.0261

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Tomotaka Hashimoto et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1797  
Application No.: 10/561,182 )  
Filed: December 16, 2005 )  
For: Membrane Cartridge, Membrane ) Confirmation No.: 1709  
Separating Device, and Membrane )  
Separating Method )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant petitions for a one month extension of time to file a reply to the final Office Action of December 4, 2008 (April 4, 2009, was a Saturday). A fee of \$130.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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